

George Edward Brammer

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widely known chautauqua lecturer and artist, billed as a cartoonist, artist, clay modeler and entertainer; traveled over a million miles and gave more than 4,000 lectures, and chalk talk and clay modeling entertainments; developed early a strong dislike for spiritous liquors and continued an ardent prohibitionist until his death; was a tireless church worker, a ready public speaker and a top ranking, public spirited citizen; made notable progress in many fields, including music and amateur astrology; served as senator from the Appanoose-Davis county district since 1944, but was not a candidate for re-election; from 1924 to 1928 was business manager of Buena Vista college, and from 1928 to 1930 field secretary of the Westminster Presbyterian college, Salt Lake, Utah; also worked with the Presbyterian denomination seeking large endowments for its schools and colleges; during World War I was a Y.M.C.A. entertainer overseas; served as a member and president of the Moulton school board, as Sunday school superintendent and elder of the Presbyterian church, and delegate to the national assembly; married Minnie Henke November 5, 1896, who died in January 1939; again was married to Mrs. Lou Holbert, whose death occurred July 8, 1948; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lyman Wiltse, of Tampa, Florida, and a son, Robert Barkley, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows and Modern Woodman orders and a Republican.

GEORGE EDWARD BRAMMER, lawyer, jurist and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, May 9, 1948; born at Dedham, Carroll county, Iowa, March 4, 1886, son of William Harrison and Martha Edwards Brammer, the father still living and residing at Shenandoah, Iowa; graduated from Dedham high school, and from Drake university in 1908 with degree of LL.B.; admitted to Iowa bar the same year and has since practiced law in Des Moines; taught in law school of Drake university and received degree of LL.M. in 1911; received honorary LL.D. degree from Central college at Pella in 1943; elected representative from Polk county in Iowa General assembly in 1915; served as judge of the Ninth judicial district in 1922; a member of the county, state and American bar associations, and president of the Polk county bar association in 1947; head of the law firm of Brammer, Brody, Charlton, Parker & Roberts; married Mary Frances Gilliland, of Bloomington, Illinois, June 21, 1911, who died in 1947, they having a daughter, Mary Carolyn Harper, and a son, James William Brammer, both of Des Moines; an elder of the University Christian church, a trustee of Drake University, a director of the Central National bank, Des Moines, and chairman of the board of the Dutton-Lainson Company, Hastings, Nebraska; a Republican and member of social and law fraternities, the Masonic order and local clubs.

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